

FY2009 (7/1/08 – 6/30/09) Annual Work Plan Underwood Conservation District

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Mission of the Underwood Conservation District

The mission of the Underwood Conservation District is to enhance the level of natural resource stewardship for landowners, managers and resource users in the district.

Natural Resource Priorities:

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Program Area: Natural Resources

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Funding Sources: Title II USFS, DOE CCWF, RCO SRFB, BPA, RCO FFFPP, WSCC, Firewise USA, CSF, DOE Env. Monitoring

Activities for FY2009	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time (Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Complete Construction of Middle Wind River Enhancement Project.	July 2008-	Tova Cochrane	30 days	\$80,000

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Complete Permitting, Design and Construction of Trout Lake Creek Project.	July 2008- September 2009	Tova Cochrane	50 days	\$65,000
Complete Permitting, Design and Construction of Simmons Creek Project.	July 2008- September 2009	Tova Cochrane	40 days	\$25,000
Complete Permitting, Design and Construction of Jursik Cutbank Project.	July 2008- September 2009	Tova Cochrane	50 days	\$14,000
Pursue completion of projects such as Reynolds Culvert replacement, Castle Springs Restoration, Indian Creek Culverts replacements, Cannavina Road Culverts replacements.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$110,000
Identify and design new riparian buffer projects with cooperating landowners.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$2,000
Work with the WS WMC and WRWC to develop a WS and WR Project List and Work Plan.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	15 days	\$2,000
Monitor the Mark Schmid bank project.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$1,000
Coordinate with WSCC, DOE, Master Gardeners and other partners to develop water conservation programs.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$5,000
Implement Firewise Program for the District by assisting with CWPP development, landowner education and finding funding for fire hazard reduction.	July 2008- June 2009	Jamie Gomez	Year-round project	\$25,000
Identify insufficiently buffered areas of stream, prioritize projects, fund and implement.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$2,000
Develop a survey of landowners for board to approve and distribute.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	5 days	\$1,000
Continue to participate in WRIA 29A & 29B planning processes, and as data gaps are identified and prioritized, assist in securing funding and data gathering.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$19,000
Coordinate with other agencies to develop recycling and composting programs.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$2,000

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Program Area: Information and Education

Goals:

- ❖ Through 2014, educate 75% of the district's school students on natural resource issues and promote the Envirothon program.
- Through 2014, provide educational opportunities to small parcel landowners and occupiers on natural resource stewardship.
- ❖ Through 2014, provide forestry and livestock management training on an annual basis.

Funding Sources: WSCC, RCO SRFB, DOE CCWF, Skamania County, WA CRM (anticipated)

Activities for FY2009	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Continue participating in the Columbia Gorge Weed Management Area meetings.	July 2008- June 2009	Jamie Gomez	Year-round project	\$1,000
Conduct an annual noxious weed tour in conjunction with Klickitat and Skamania Counties.	July 2008- June 2009	Jamie Gomez	5 days	\$1,000
Continue outreach and education about Aquatic Invasive Species, namely the New Zealand Mudsnail.	July 2008- June 2009	Jamie Gomez	Year-round project	\$20,000
Continue partnering with USFWS, MFEG, CGEI and school districts to educate students on natural resource issues, including promoting the Envirothon, and pursuing funding for an education/outreach position.	July 2008- June 2009	Jamie Gomez	Year-round project	\$4,000
Identify and contact stakeholder groups, including forestry and livestock associations to assess needs.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$1,000
Continue participating in Coordinated Resource Management Planning groups.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$5,000
Design and implement "Living on the Land," "Horses for Clean Water" and forestry workshops to help small landowners learn about best management practices.	July 2008- June 2009	Jamie Gomez	20 days	\$7,000

Program Area: District Operations

Goals:

- ❖ By 2014, have all needed staffing to implement the Long Range Plan (LRP).
- ❖ By 2010, establish positive solid relationship with Klickitat County.
- ❖ By 2014, have all facilities, vehicles, equipment to meet the needs of the district.

Funding Sources: WSCC, Skamania County

Activities for FY2009	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time(Days) Required	Estimated Funding
Utilize the WSCC's workload analysis form to define staffing needs and identify additional staffing and funding needs.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	3 days	\$700
Raise awareness of UCD projects by requesting to meet with county. commissioners on a regular basis, and compiling landowner/stakeholder letters of support.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$2,000
Support Klickitat County Planning Dept.'s effort in providing farmland preservation information and resources to landowners.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$2,000
Survey office needs and look for potential relocation opportunities.	July 2008- June 2009	Tova Cochrane	Year-round project	\$500



FY2009 Annual Budget Underwood Conservation District

Underwood Conservation District budget for FY2009 (7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Funding Source	Amount
Title II USFS – Middle Wind River	\$80,000
DOE CCWF – White Salmon	\$65,000
DOE CCWF – Wind River	\$34,000
RCO SRFB – Invasive Species	\$106,490
RCO SRFB – Simmons Creek	\$25,000
RCO FFFPP – Reynolds	\$98,000
BPA – Wind River	\$56,000
WSCC – Implementation	\$57,918
WSCC – Livestock	\$8,779
WSCC – CREP	\$1,100
WSCC – TSP	\$3,440
WSCC – Good Governance	\$10,700
WSCC – Capacity Building	\$10,712
Firewise USA	\$25,000
Community Salmon Fund – Little Wind	\$10,506
DOE Env. Monitoring – Flow Meas.	\$19,000
Skamania County	\$5,000

Total \$516,645